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NATIONALS

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SUMMARY: WHILE WE BELIEVE JOINT EUROPEAN AND US DEMARCHE ON
TREATMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN ARGENTINA MIGHT BE USEFUL,
WE FIND NO SUPPORT FOR THIS AMONG DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE.
END SUMMARY.

1. SWEDISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRS CHRISTER MANHUSEN CALLED AT
EMBASSY JULY 6 TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE ON
PART OF EUROPEAN EMBASSIES AND, POSSIBLY, US TO PRESS ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS BY ARGENTINE
SECURITY FORCES. MANHUSEN WAS AWARE OF JULY 1 TODMAN-LEIFLAND
CONVERSATION.

2. MANHUSEN SAID HE HAD ALREADY CANVASSED DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES
AND DISCOVERED NO SUPPORT AT THIS TIME FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE.
THIS ACCORDS WITH GENERAL STATEMENTS WE HAVE HEARD FROM
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EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES. THREE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS
HAVE BEEN HEARD TO SAY THAT AT ONE OF THE REGULAR EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS' MEETINGS IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED NOT
TO GO FORTH WITH JOINT INITIATIVE. (ONE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
SOURCE REFEYRED ALSO TO A DECISION TAKEN FORMALLY AT A POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NINE IN EUROPE NOT TO JOIN IN
CENSURING ARGENTINA.)

3. ANY LOCAL IMPETUS TOWARD A JOINT APPROACH WOULD BE FURTHER
DIMINISHED BY FACT THAT EMBASSIES WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF AFFECTED
CITIZENS--ITALY FOR EXAMPLE--APPEAR LESS VIGOROUS IN EVEN
UNILATERAL APPROACHES THAN OTHER COUNTRIES LESS TROUBLED BY
LARGE NUMBERS OF DETAINED CITIZENS. MANHUSEN SAID HIS NORDIC
COLLEAGUES MIGHT FAVOR JOINT APPROACH REGARDING GENERAL
SUBJECT OF TREATMENT OF DETAINEES BY SECURITY FORCES--BUT IN
FACT NORWAY AND DENMARK HAVE NO DETAINEES OF THEIR OWN ABOUT
WHICH TO PROTEST.
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